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SUBJ: VISIT TO ABU DHABI OF FATAH OFFICIAL

1. MEMBER OF FATAH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MAHMUD ABBAS, AKA ABU MAZIN, VISITED ABU DHABI NOVEMBER 10-13, MEETING WITH CHIEF OF STATE SHAIKH ZAYID, SHAIKH SULTAN OF SHARJAH, FONMIN SUWAIDI, AND OTHER UAE OFFICIALS. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS EVIDENTLY TO REASSURE UAEG OF FATAH'S NON-INVOLVEMENT IN OCTOBER 25 ABU DHABI AIRPORT SHOOTING OF LATE MINISTER OF STATE SAIF GHUBBASH BY YOUNG PALESTIN-
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IAN (SEPTTEL). ABU MAZIN ALSO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF OCCASION TO BRIEF ZAYID ON PLO-FATAH POSITIONS ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS AND ON SOUTHERN LEBANON.

2. IN PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT ABU DHABI PLO OFFICE AND PUBLISHED HERE NOV 15, ABU MAZIN COMMENTED ON PRESIDENT SADAT'S SUGGESTION THAT PALESTINIAN RESIDENT IN US REPRESENT PALESTINIANS AT GENEVA.

HE SAID IT IS IMPORTANT THAT INVITATION TO ATTEND GENEVA BE DIRECTED TO PLO WHICH CAN CHOOSE WHOM IT WISHES TO REPRESENT IT AT GENEVA. HE DECLINED COMMENT ON SADAT'S OFFER TO GO EVEN TO ISRAELI KNESSET, EXPLAINING HE HAD NO BACKGROUND ON SADAT'S REASON FOR MAKING THIS STATEMENT. ROAD TO GENEVA HAS BECOME COMPLICATED, ABU MAZIN ADDED. PRESIDENT CARTER IS SINCERE IN HIS INTENTIONS TO ACHIEVE PEACE BUT MANY OBSTACLES EXIST, "MOST PROMINENT AMONG THEM US CONGRESS WHICH PROTECTS INTERESTS OF ISRAELI IMPERIALISM." ABU MAZIN DOES NOT BELIEVE GENEVA CAN RECONVENE IN 1977.

3. ASKED ABOUT CONTACTS BETWEEN USG AND PLO, ABU MAZIN, SAID:
"MANY MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD BUT THEY HAVE BEEN INDIRECT, I.E, THROUGH ARAB CITIZENS WHO LIVE IN US OR BY WAY OF OFFICIALS (SIC). PLO IS READY TO GO ANYWHERE. IN FACT, WE ARE EAGER FOR US TO RECOGNIZE PLO AS THIS WOULD MEAN RECOGNITION OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."

4. ABU MAZIN CONFIRMED CONTACTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN PALESTINIANS AND SOME "EMINENT JEWS WHO RECOGNIZE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF OUR PEOPLE" BUT OFFERED NO DETAILS.

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